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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Notice is hereby given that the 37th Annual General Meeting of the St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association will be held on **Sunday 18th September 2022 at 11.00 p.m.** at St. Lawrence High School premises at **27 Ballygunge Circular Road, Kolkata 700 019.**

The **AGENDA** for the meeting will be:

1. To receive, consider and confirm the proceedings of the 36th AGM held on 26th September 2021.
2. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2021-2022 (ending 31st March 2022) of the working of the Society (Secretary's Report).
3. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Accounts for the year 2021-2022.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 2022-2023.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

27 Ballygunge Circular Road
Kolkata 700 019
28th August 2022

Amitabha Gupta
Hon. Secretary

MINUTES OF 36th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (SLOBA) HELD ON SUNDAY, 26th September 2021 AT ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL, 27 BULLYGUNGE CIRCULAR ROAD, KOLKATA 700019

The attendance was recorded as per the Attendance Register.

President of SLOBA, Rev. Fr. Sebastian James sj called the meeting to order and on request of the President, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Anirban Banerjee, took the chair.

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of SLOBA members who left for their Heavenly Adobe during the year.

Agenda 1: To receive, consider and confirm the proceedings of the 35th AGM held on 21st March 2021:

Mr. Anirban Banerjee presented the minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting, which was confirmed after deliberations on the proceedings being proposed by Mr. Amitabha Gupta and seconded by Mr. Anand Singh.

Agenda 2: To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2020-2021 (ending 31st March 2021) of the working of the Society (Secretary's Report):

The Annual Report for the year 2020-2021 of the working of the Association was placed before the house by Mr. Anirban Banerjee for discussion. He mentioned that the Annual Report has been already



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circulated and highlighted the activities and events carried out by SLOBA during the year. The report after being proposed by Mr. Shankar Banerjee and seconded by Dr. Soumitra Kumar was unanimously adopted by the house.

Agenda 3: To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts for year 2020-21:

The Audited Accounts for the year 2020-2021 was placed before the house by Mr. Anirban Banerjee for adoption. After few deliberations by the members, the same was adopted unanimously after being proposed by Mr. Indranil Gupta and seconded by Mr. Anand Singh.

Agenda 4: To appoint Auditors and Bankers for the year 2020-2021:

The next agenda to appoint Auditors and bankers for the year 2020-2021 was moved by Mr. Shankar Banerjee. He proposed Ghosh & Basu as to continue as Auditors of SLOBA for the year 2021-2022 and to continue with Canara Bank (Syndicate Bank merged with Canara Bank) as bankers of SLOBA for the year 2021-2022. This was seconded by Mr. Amitabha Gupta and the same was unanimously accepted by the house.

Agenda 5: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

There being no other matter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Members.

ANNUAL REPORT (2020-2021) OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AS ON 31ST MARCH 2021

The world is still in crisis. An entire year was virtually wiped out with no regular event held. We regret we could hold almost no activity in the entire year save for a few meetings and preparing for worse days to come. I express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the association, and the school authority for their help and support extended in all this time we were dormant. We pledge to bounce back sooner than expected.

Membership

The present membership strength as on 31.03.2022 is as under:

Life Member: 1400 Silver Privilege Member: 51

Free Clinic

The free clinic and all its activities resumed on October 21.

Oxygen Parlour & Vaccination Programs

SLOBA, in partnership with OFFER, a NGO set up a functional COVID Level 2 Oxygen Parlour in the school. This was a great initiative during the time when medical emergencies due to Covid were



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increasing. Under a similar initiative SLOBA and OFFER initiated 3 vaccination camps which served over 400 people.

This initiative was repeated in Amtala in Kolkata, Mumbai and Bengaluru too. We catered to 180 people in Amtala, 450 at Mumbai and 170 at Bengaluru.

SLOBA funded Rs. 75,000/- to Offer India to support education of the 125 HIV positive children staying at their Orphanage Anandaghar at Govindapur, Kolkata.

School Development & Scholarship

SLOBA has instituted several scholarships and other benevolent funds in association with the school management over the years. These are disbursed by the school authorities on a merit cum means basis even though no regular classes could be held for the entire year.

SLOBA Cricket Coaching Camp

The activities resumed on 20th of March 22, after two years of inactivity due to pandemic.

Members' Identity Card

Photo Identity Card for members of SLOBA are being issued in lots. Members are requested to send in their current photograph either in paper format to the SLOBA office or by high resolution scanned image to secretary@sloba.net at the earliest. Please also check whether your personal information retained with us is current and up to date. Update of database of members is a continuous process and requires your support.

Annual Reunion 2022

The Annual Reunion could not be held in 2022 owing to restrictions imposed for the pandemic.

SLOBA Annual Inter-School Debate 2021

This year the **SLOBA ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE 2021** remained suspended owing to schools being closed for the pandemic. Efforts are being made to hold the event online.

Utsav 2021

The event could not be held in 2021.

Interaction with the School

As no official functions involving any gathering could be held during the year owing to the school being closed, all interaction involved highlighting various performances by the school children on virtual media like Facebook and Whats App.



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Ensemble 2021: International Day of Sports for Development & Peace

The day was spent largely recapitulating on the events of the previous years and exchange of greetings and pleasantries among the national and international dignitaries and acquaintances.

Expression 2021: A Report on the International Event Held at St. Lawrence High School

Members and well-wishers of the core group exchanged greetings on the occasion.

Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India (JAAI)

SD/- ANIRBAN BANERJEE

HON. SECRETARY.

14th SLOBA Annual Inter-School Debate 2022

Ever since inception in 1985, SLOBA has been at the forefront of social commitment and development of infrastructure of the alma mater in the true human tradition of **Service Above Self** and in being **Men for Others**.

We have been holding an **Annual Inter-School Debate** since the last ten years with participation from all the eminent schools of Kolkata and celebrities, educators, legislators, industrialists and other prominent personalities from the fields of art and culture as judges and moderators. The entire event is managed by SLOBA itself. The event made a comeback after two years of the pandemic when regular physical classes and other physical events remained suspended.

This year the **14th SLOBA ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE 2019** was held on **Friday 12th August 2022** at Wavreil Hall at **St. Lawrence High School, 27 Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata 700 019** from 10.30 .m. to 12.30 p.m. The motion for the debate was: **Social Media Has Made a Mockery of True Friendship**.

The judges for the finals were **Ms. Jael Silliman (Eminent Author, Professor and Novelist)**, **Mr. Devasis (Eminent Professional Consultant and Mentor for Entrepreneurship Skills)** and **Ms. Shampa Mukherji (Teacher at Modern High School for Girls and Garden High International School)**. The entire event was ably moderated by **Mr. Utpal Chatterji (Internationally Acclaimed Journalist, Public Speaker and Past Sheriff of Kolkata)**.

The nine teams to participate in the final round were: Carmel High School, La Martiniere for Boys, La Martiniere for Girls, Loreto Convent Entally, Loreto Day School Dharamtala, Shri Shikshayatan School, St. Xavier's Collegiate School, The Heritage School and St. Lawrence High School as the host team.



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The Heritage School was declared the **Best Team** with Carmel High School second. Preyashi Agarwal of The Heritage School was declared the **Best Speaker**. The **Second Runner Up Speaker** was Ambika Bose of The Heritage School, and the **First Runner Up Speaker** was Purba Guha Majumdar of Carmel High School. Certificates, medals and trophies were then distributed to the participants by the judges and **Rev. Fr. Jimmy Keepuram sj, Principal St. Lawrence High School** who is also the President of the Governing Body of the **St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association**. Mr. S.V. Raman anchored the entire final day's session.

Proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations of SLOBA

Rule 22 Clause (b)

SAFE CUSTODY OF FUNDS:

(b) The funds of the Society shall be kept in some nationalized Bank.

To be amended as:

(b) The funds of the Society shall be kept in some nationalized Bank **or any private Indian Bank authorized by the Reserve Bank of India to conduct full banking operations in India.**

EXPLANATION

The original clause in the Constitution was introduced at a time when the number of private banks was limited to only a few multinational banks dealing only in large sums of money. Now that private Indian banks are already certified as too big to fail, it is prudent to maintain financial relations with these banks as these are more customer friendly and offer better services and facilities particularly for new age digital products and retail monetary transactions like bill discounting etc.

**** AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS ****

Please be informed that because of pandemic the collection was at the minimum. Our CSR funds are yet to get replenished. In addition to that, receding interests on the deposits have also reduce substantially.

At this juncture, your coming forward will help us to continue with the service that we had been delivering for nearly four decades.

It is also imperative to state that we haven't been able to get enough fresh blood into the stream. We request the members to take slight interest and initiative to induct new members, specially those who had their wards in the school.



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